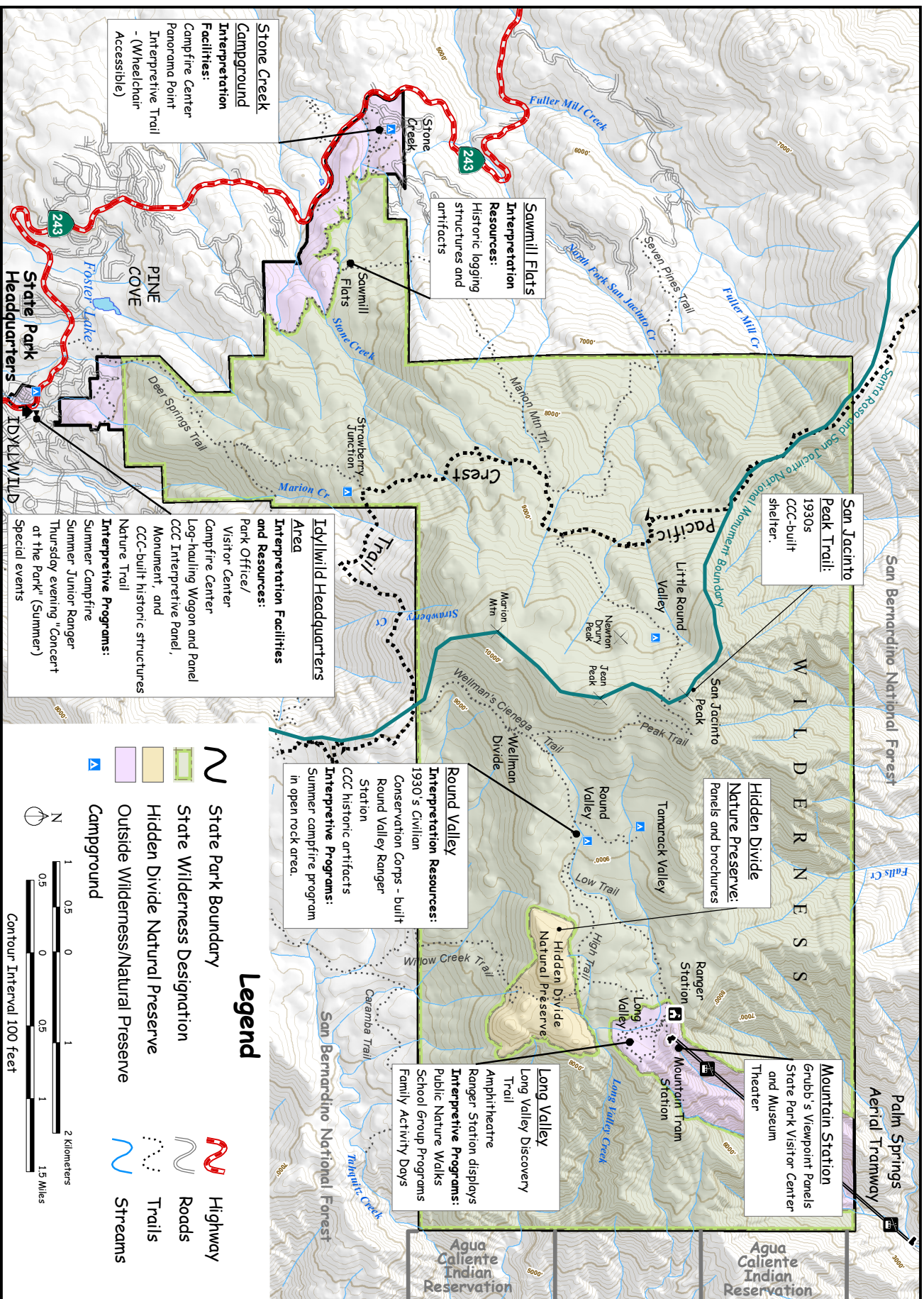




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Interpretation Master Plan



Mount San Jacinto State Park

Existing Interpretation and Education Features

Interpretation Plan Section from Mount San Jacinto State Park General Plan, 2002 (p. 50)

Interpretation

Interpretation helps connect visitors to Mount San Jacinto State Park's significant natural, cultural, and recreational resources. Themes guide the interpretation of these resources by defining a point of view.

Goal: Expand the visitor's awareness, understanding and appreciation of the Park's significant natural, cultural, and aesthetic resources.

Unifying Theme: Mount San Jacinto State Park is unique because of its wilderness designation - an area "where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."

Primary Theme 1: Because Mount San Jacinto State Park is a wilderness, people need to treat it with respect.

Supporting Theme 1A: Many characteristics make it Wilderness.

Supporting Theme 1B: Wilderness can be dangerous, but it doesn't have to be.

Supporting Theme 1C: Practicing wilderness etiquette preserves the experience for everyone.

Supporting Theme 1D: Wilderness Recreation offers many unique opportunities.

Primary Theme 2: Mount San Jacinto State Park wilderness protects many unique and fragile habitats.

Supporting Theme 2A: The high mountain wilderness of Mount San Jacinto State Park shelters some very special plants.

Topic 2A1: Subalpine Forests (fire ecology)

Topic 2A2: Montane Meadows (hydrology - nature's plumbing)

Topic 2A3: Life on the Edge (at timberline)

Topic 2A4: Riparian / Wetland Areas (most threatened)

Topic 2A5: Chaparral (fire ecology)

Topic 2A6: The threat of exotic weeds

Supporting Theme 2B: Mount San Jacinto provides critical habitat for some fascinating wildlife.

Topic 2B1: The diversity of wildlife

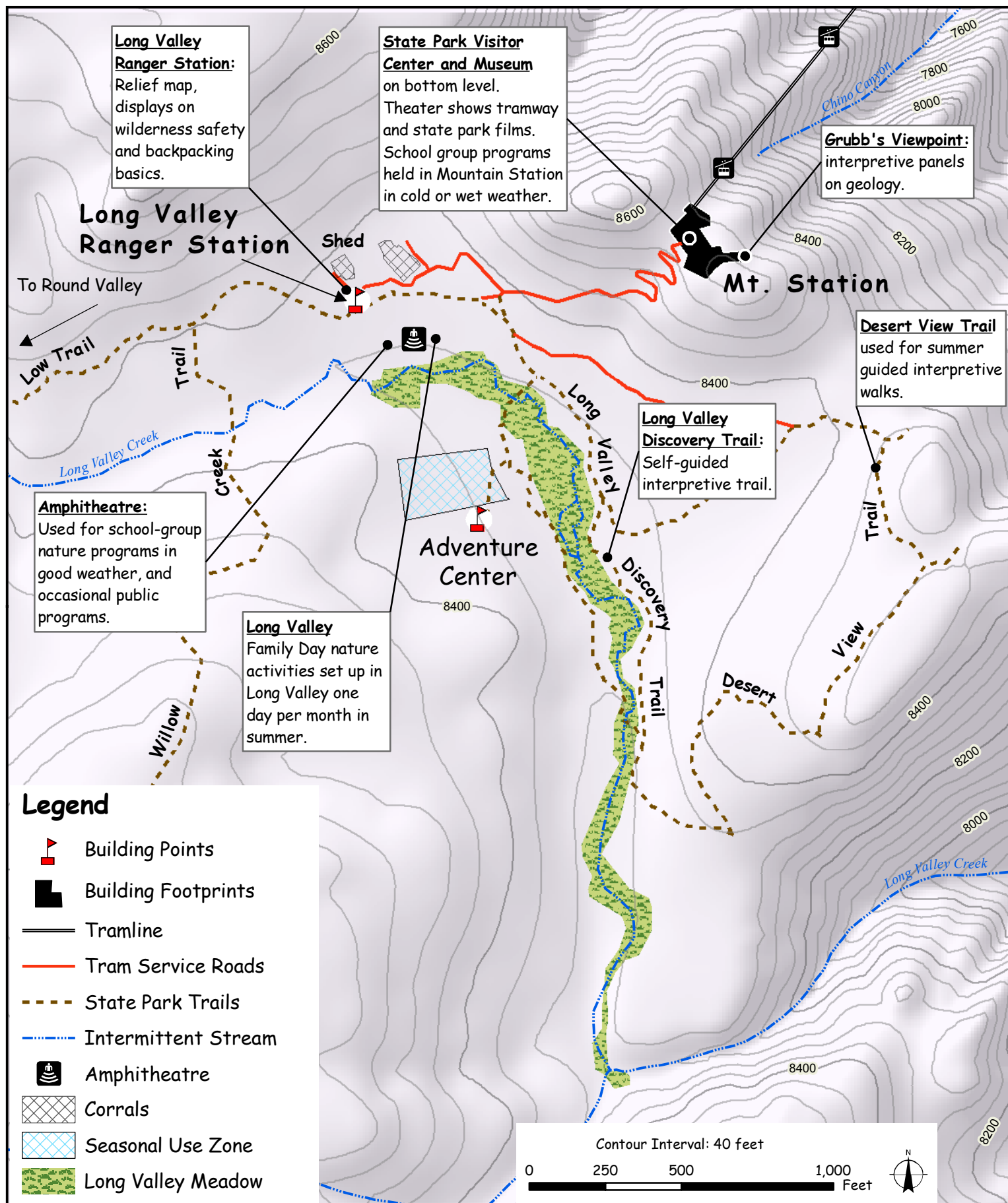
Topic 2B2: Human / Wildlife interaction (feeding, habituation)

Topic 2B3: Linking - Biocorridors

Topic 2B4: Microhabitats (Cliffs, vernal pools, etc.)

Supporting Theme 2C: Mount San Jacinto is unique because of its "Island Biogeography."

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Secondary Theme 1: Mount San Jacinto State Park lands show the marks of past people and their cultures. In some areas a cultural landscape shows the interrelationship between natural and cultural features.

Supporting Theme 1A: The prehistoric Cahuilla people used these mountains for hunting and gathering as well as for sacred purposes.*

Supporting Theme 1B: Historic logging partially shaped this landscape.

Supporting Theme 1C: Cattlemen and sheepherders also left their mark.

Supporting Theme 1D: The CCC developed the Park we use today.

Supporting Theme 1E: A tramway comes into the wilderness.

Secondary Theme 2: Mount San Jacinto and the surrounding Peninsular Range were shaped by powerful geological processes.

* Guideline in the Cultural Resources plan section (p. 48) states that interpretation will be developed with the Cahuilla, and will also cover their continuing presence in the park.